

10th anniversary of the founding of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, TMMI, and their operation of the state-of-the-art production facility in Princeton, IN. The continuing success of TMMI and the nearly 5,000 team members at the facility demonstrate the remarkable capabilities of many Hoosiers as they work together as innovators and leaders of the automotive industry in Indiana, the United States, and abroad.

In addition to TMMI important leadership in the automotive industry, the company's more than \$2.6 billion investment in Princeton and surrounding communities has been an important engine of economic growth and development in southwestern Indiana. A study by the University of Evansville concluded that TMMI's production in Princeton has created 8,865 jobs in Gibson County, 12,990 in the Evansville metropolitan area, and 31,385 across the State of Indiana. TMMI's investment has resulted in more than \$5.5 billion in business sales. This economic activity has strengthened communities and improved lives across the State.

I am also pleased that TMMI's dedication to the State of Indiana will be growing in the coming years. In March, I had the privilege of sharing with my fellow Hoosiers news that Toyota will begin production of the Camry in Lafayette. It is expected that this venture will create an additional 1,000 jobs in Indiana. This decision signals a recognition by Toyota that the highly skilled Hoosier workforce and attractive business climate in Indiana will allow them to achieve their goals in the coming years.

I am hopeful that you will join me in congratulating Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, and in wishing them many years of success and leadership in Indiana.

TOYOTA MOTOR COMPANY

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Toyota Motor Company for their 20 years of successful and prosperous operations in Georgetown, KY. This stunning achievement serves as a shining example to us all in regards to leadership and innovation in the American workforce.

Since coming to Kentucky in 1986, Toyota has provided our State with thousands of job opportunities while giving the employees the ability to contribute ideas for product improvement, oversee quality control, and continually strive for perfection. This strive has resulted in the Toyota Camry being named the most popular car on the American automotive market eight times out of the last 9 years.

With three locations in Kentucky, the Georgetown manufacturing plant, the North American Parts Center—Kentucky, and the company's largest North American manufacturing headquarters in Erlanger, KY, it is easy to see the economic benefits that Toyota

has brought to our State. The Georgetown plant alone employs over 7,000 team members and has generated over 34,000 jobs in Kentucky and nearly 100,000 jobs across the United States. So often we hear about jobs being lost to overseas firms, but in Kentucky we are fortunate the Toyota jobs came to us. This partnership has benefited Toyota and Kentucky, and I know both parties will reap the benefits for years to come.

Today, the Georgetown production facility is Toyota's largest production plant in North America. Kentucky's dedicated skilled production team has been key to Toyota's success.

Toyota has proven its commitment to Kentucky by supporting the interests of the Commonwealth and giving back to our State in so many ways. By contributing to education, the arts, local business leadership organizations, and supporting women's rights, this company has proven time and again the importance of a strong business and community partnership.

Words cannot express the generosity that Toyota has shown Kentucky through industry job opportunities and community service. I am excited to see what this partnership will bring to Kentuckians and generations to come. Once again, I want to congratulate the Toyota Georgetown facility and its employees on 20 years of success. I also want to thank them for all they have given to our State.

EXTENDING THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE DEADLINE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, as my colleagues know, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, WHTI, currently requires anyone entering the United States via a U.S.-Canadian land border to have a passport or other acceptable alternative document by January 1, 2008. I am pleased to join my colleagues from Alaska and Vermont as a cosponsor of their amendment to extend the WHTI implementation deadline by 18 months to June 1, 2009.

The WHTI will play an important role in securing our borders, but it must be implemented in a reasonable, fair, and well-thought-out manner. This amendment responds to concerns I have heard from various constituents, including those in the travel, tourism, and shipping industries.

My home State of Michigan, like other northern border States, enjoys a close economic and social relationship with Canada. It is important that the WHTI be implemented in a way that minimizes negative impacts on trade, travel, and tourism.

We must ensure that our border crossings are both secure and efficient. This amendment would provide additional time for the Departments of State and Homeland Security to study the various implementation issues related to the WHTI. This delay would enable a more in-depth examination of

issues including the economic impact of the WHTI, the civil liberties and security concerns related to new passport technologies, and the feasibility of creating a single border crossing identification card that will satisfy the requirements of both the WHTI and the REAL ID Act.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On May 16, 2006, a 20-year-old Washington, DC, lesbian died after being shot in the head in what appears to have been a hate crime.

Crystal Smith died shortly before midnight when two unidentified men opened fire on her while standing on a street corner in Southeast Washington, DC. According to reports, the police department's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit is assisting in the investigation. The fact that Smith was shot in the head makes it appear more likely that she was targeted.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

TAX RECONCILIATION

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I regret that rehabilitation following back surgery prevented me from being on the floor to cast my vote against the tax reconciliation package which the Senate narrowly approved on May 11. Today President Bush will sign that bill into law, and I would like to take this opportunity to share my thoughts with my constituents and my colleagues. I am extremely disturbed by the Nation's fiscal mismanagement over the past several years, and this new tax cut bill was another disappointing step in the wrong direction.

On February 2, I voted for the Senate's version of the tax reconciliation bill. That legislation protected middle-class taxpayers from the alternative minimum tax and extended some widely supported tax provisions that recently expired. The Senate bill also included urgently needed incentives for